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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr., Chairman, and Members, Commission on Higher Education

From: Dr. Vermelle J. Johnson, Chair, and Members, Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

Consideration of Mission Statement Revisions

Summary

The following institutions have requested that the Commission approve changes to their mission statements. Changes were submitted in fulfillment of requirements for Performance Finding Indicator 1C, Approval of a Mission Statement. A summary explanation for each institution follows, with a single staff recommendation for all requested changes at the end of the summary explanations. The mission statements, with changes shown, are attached at the end of the document.

Denmark Technical College

Denmark Technical College requested that the Commission on Higher Education review and approve a revised mission statement for the institution. The revised statement was approved by the Denmark Technical College Area Commission on November 24, 2003. The mission statement is attached at the end of the document.

Commission staff has reviewed the revised statement and found that the overall statement is largely similar to the existing mission statement. The sole changes from the existing CHE approved mission statement are:

- Replace "Denmark Technical College is a public, comprehensive, Historically Black, two-year technical college enrolling 900 to 1,200 students located in rural Bamberg County" with "Denmark Technical College is a public, comprehensive, Historically Black, two-year technical college located in rural Bamberg County. The College annually serves

approximately 2,000 credit and continuing education students, a mix of traditional, nontraditional, full-time and part-time.”

- Replace “**Specialized Training Programs:** Training coordinated with South Carolina industries through Special Schools and provided where specific job opportunities are available for new or expanding industries” with “**Specialized Training Programs:** Training coordinated with South Carolina industries through the Center for Accelerated Technology Training and provided where specific job opportunities are available for new or expanding industries.”

Midlands Technical College

Midlands Technical College has requested that the Commission on Higher Education review and approve a revised mission statement for the institution. The revised statement was approved by the Midlands Technical College Area Commission on March 17, 2004.

Commission staff has reviewed the revised statement and found that the overall statement is largely similar to the existing mission statement, although there have been numerous changes in wording and some content changes. The resulting statement is consistent with the technical college sector mission as defined in Act 359 of 1996.

Significant additions to the values section of the mission statement are:

- **Commitment to Economic Vitality and Quality of Life.** Belief in preparing students for successful careers by providing a seamless curriculum bridging secondary education through university education options. The college partners with business, education and government to enhance the growth and prosperity of the community.
- **Commitment to Innovation and Renewal.** Belief that the spirit of creativity and discovery is present in all college endeavors. The college is open to adaptation and positive change for the benefit of all its constituencies.

Trident Technical College

The revised mission statement comes in response to the Life Sciences Act (S560) recently passed by the legislature giving TTC the authority to offer a bachelor’s degree in culinary arts.

The sole change from the existing CHE approved mission statement is:

- Replace the phrase “...programs leading to college transfer associate degrees and technical associate degrees, diplomas and certificates” with “...programs leading to college transfer associate degrees and technical certificates, diplomas and associate degrees as well as one bachelor of professional studies degree.”

Recommendation

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve the revised mission statements for Denmark Technical College, Midlands Technical College, and Trident Technical College.